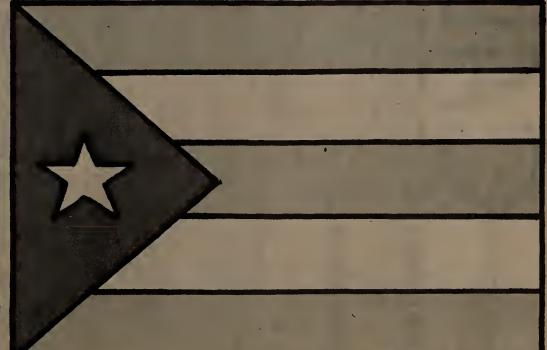


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'Run-of-the-Mill Boys'

Maine Judge Puts Teens Under Juvenile Code

By Sue Hyde

BANGOR, ME — A state District Court judge here ruled on September 14 that three local youths held in connection with the death of a 23-year-old man will continue to be treated as juveniles by the court.

Judge David Cox issued three identical orders on the findings in the cases of James Francis Baines, 15; Shawn I. Mabry, 16; and Daniel Ness, 17, stating the state had failed to present sufficient evidence to convince him the three youths should be charged as adults.

The trio is charged with the July 7 murder of Charles O. Howard, a Bangor gay man. They told police they chased Howard across a downtown street, beat and kicked him when he fell to the ground, and then threw him over a bridge railing into the Kenduskeag Stream. Howard drowned in the stream; his body was recovered by police about three hours later.

The youths claimed they attacked Howard, an effeminate, obviously gay man, because he had made a pass at one of them a few weeks earlier. A witness to the incident, Roy Ogden, has testified in pre-trial hearings that Howard protested to the trio that he could

not swim as they threw him over the railing.

Howard's death and the state's prosecution of the three teenaged defendants has attracted national attention, both from straight and gay media. Howard's death is widely acknowledged to be an example of the anti-gay harassment and queerbashing that is not uncommon in the state of Maine.

Cox told the packed courtroom that three criteria must be met for a juvenile to be tried as an adult: the seriousness of the crime must be established; the characteristics of the juvenile must be shown to be such that he or she should be treated as an adult; and alternative sentencing methods must be considered to determine whether a greater deterrent would be established if he or she were treated as an adult.

Cox said, "I find nothing in the record of this case that would indicate ... that they be treated as adults"

He added, "I conclude that a sentence is available under [the juvenile] code that would deter these three juveniles ... On people so young, I do not conclude that a deterrent's effect is greater by a greater period of detention."

Cox was referring to the two possible sentences faced by the three were they to be convicted of murder. As adults, they would face a minimum of 25 years at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston; as juveniles, they could be sentenced to the Maine Youth Center in South Portland until their 21st birthdays.

In court, the prosecuting attorney, Thomas Goodwin, argued

that the seriousness of the crime "might very well be such a strong factor as to outweigh" the other two factors.

But, in a telephone interview with GCN the week following the hearing, Goodwin said, "The judge ruled, and arguably correctly, that if the seriousness of the crime and the manner it was committed were sufficient reason to treat these juveniles as adults, the

[Maine juvenile] code would have said that ... The code says that you should consider other factors ... He considered all of those things and decided that there was really nothing except the crime itself to separate these three particular 15-, 16-, 17-year-old boys from the run-of-the-mill 15-, 16-, 17-year-old boy."

Goodwin said he wasn't surpris-Continued on page 11

Studds Trounces Flynn; Sees Tough Race Ahead

By Larry Goldsmith

NEW BEDFORD, MA — Incumbent Representative Gerry Studds trounced Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Flynn in the September 18 Democratic Primary for the Massachusetts Tenth Congressional District. Studds, who has held the seat since 1972 and came out as a gay man on the floor of Congress last year, prevailed by a two-to-one margin over Flynn, who ran nearly a single-issue campaign focusing on Studds' censure for having had sexual relations

with a 17-year-old male Congressional page.

Studds' attention now turns to the November 6 general election, where he will face Republican Lew Crampton, a former Environmental Protection Agency official, whose more restrained campaign is thought to pose a much more difficult challenge than Flynn's. Studds has wasted no time in beginning the campaign against Crampton; he issued a statement on primary night calling for a

series of debates to be sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

According to unofficial results published by the Boston *Globe*, Studds beat Flynn in all but three of the 45 cities and towns in the district, garnering more votes than all three Republican candidates combined. But Flynn's total of 27,078 votes added to the Republican total of 36,679 produces a total of 63,757, significantly more than Studds' total of 48,256.

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A Dinner and A Demo

Flynn Award Protested At Boston Fundraiser

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — Approximately 135 people, mostly gay men, filled the Georgian Room of the Park Plaza Hotel on September 13 for the third annual fundraising dinner of the New England Human Rights Campaign Fund. But the guests, each of whom paid \$150 to aid the Fund's support of lesbian and gay rights, encountered a group of two dozen lesbians and gay men protesting the Committee's presentation of an award to Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn.

Vincent McCarthy, a Boston attorney and member of the Fund's New England Committee,



presented the award to the mayor, whom he described as "a very caring human being who has through the course of his life shown a caring and compasion." Since his inauguration in January, McCarthy noted, Flynn has signed an execu-

can we count on him to understand the oppression we face as women, people of color, gays and lesbians?"

Two formally-dressed lesbians who had apparently planned to attend the dinner emerged from the

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tive order and a human rights ordinance prohibiting discrimination, and has hired several lesbians and gay men into his administration, including a liaison to the community.

But outside the hotel, protesters denounced Flynn's role as a leader of the anti-abortion and anti-busing movements in Boston. Pam Chamberlain, a local lesbian activist, recalled that in 1977, during his term in the state legislature, Flynn co-sponsored legislation to eliminate state funding for abortion. Chamberlain said the right to abortion was a critical political interest for her as a lesbian feminist.

"I think that any gay movement that doesn't raise feminist issues is divisive," she explained. "I don't separate myself as being a lesbian and a feminist. Things like this [dinner] exclude me."

The protesters, who carried sights reading "Gay rights awards for Flynn are like peace awards for Kissinger" and "Gay Liberation means fighting racism — No award for Ray Flynn," also distributed a leaflet to guests arriving at the dinner.

"Should a Gay/Lesbian Organization Honor Ray Flynn?" the leaflet asked. "Ray Flynn's vocal stand against abortion strikes at the heart of lesbian and gay liberation — the right to control our own bodies and sexuality. He has continually refused to acknowledge the existence of institutionalized racism in Boston. How

hotel in the midst of the protest. "You're absolutely right," they told the demonstrators, and walked away.

In accepting the award, which commended him "for taking courageous steps to battle racism, sexism and homophobia," Flynn used language often heard during his campaign as a white "populist" running for mayor against Mel King, a black progressive

gressive. "There is a mood, there is a spirit in the city of Boston," Flynn said. "It is a spirit of tolerance and cooperation." As an example of that spirit, Flynn offered an anecdote about an evening jogging trip he had taken along Blue Hill Avenue, a predominantly black part of the city. As he ran along the twilit street, Flynn said, "the response was absolutely staggering" and he never felt threatened. The mayor said one black man told him: "I never thought 1'd see the day when a white honky like you would be running like this through the ghetto."

Flynn also praised the work of the committee. "You've succeeded, not because you're great educators, but because you're right," he said. "So stay with it, even with people who are not sympathetic, who are not necessarily in your corner."

"It's nice to have friends in high places," remarked committee chair Steven Tierney following Flynn's remarks. Earlier in the



Vic Basile, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, with Midge Costanza.

evening, Tierney defended the committee's decision to honor the mayor. "Ray Flynn's getting an award for being the mayor who signed the first gay rights ordinance in the city of Boston," Tierney told GCN. "I'm a long-time supporter of a woman's freedom to choose, so I agree with the demonstration.... He's not being honored for being the all-

time greatest mayor. He's being honored for signing the ordinance."

Tierney noted that the committee also had decided to present an award to David Scondras, the openly gay city councillor who sponsored the ordinance. Committee member Martha Jones presented that award, saying that

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News Notes

the devil in the library

FAIRBANKS, AK — Despite intense lobbying from book banners, the school board here has refused to remove a gay book from the library shelves of the local high school, according to the *Libary Hotline*.

School board members held up under the pressure of a marathon 12-hour testimony session and a broadside of public prayer against them by Bible-thumping Christians. They voted to leave on the shelves A Way of Love, A Way of Life: A Young Person's Introduction to What It Means To Be Gay by Francis Hanckel and John Cunningham.

The Alaska Library Association, which opposed banning the book, came under fire in an anonymous letter, which read, in part, "Whores, lesbians, Jews, queers will burn in the everlasting fires of hell forever.... The devil loves the Alaska Library Association."

boston award dinner

BOSTON — The Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance has announced the recipients of their third annual Community Recognition Awards, to be presented on November 9 at a recognition dinner at the China Pearl restaurant, 9 Tyler St. in Boston.

Recipients include Lois Johnson, president of Daughters of Bilitis; Brian McNaught, former gay/lesbian liaison to Mayor Kevin White; City Councillor David Scondras; mayoral candidate and former state representative Mel King; Dignity-Boston; New Words Bookstore; and the Support Services Committee of the AIDS Action Committee.

Tickets may be purchased at Glad Day Bookshop or New Words Bookstore or from the Alliance at P.O. Box 65, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117. Reservations may be made and low-income ticket information obtained at 247-3910. Tickets are \$20 each.

boston health survey

BOSTON — The city Department of Health and Hospitals is distributing health questionnaires to the gay and lesbian community at bars, organizational events and meetings, and Health Awareness Day on Sept. 22. Questionnaires should be returned to Ann Silvia, Boston AIDS Coordinator, Department of Health and Hospitals, 818 Harrison Ave., Boston 02118. For more information, call 424-4744.

gay united way

WASHINGTON, DC — A new regulation allowing federal employees to designate recipients of payroll deduction donations so long as the group hold IRS tax-exempt status could reap benefits for gay and lesbian health and community service groups, according to the Washington Blade.

The rule, which went into effect on Sept. 17, sets procedures for the federal government's annual charity drive known as the Combined Federal Campaign. It states that any tax-exempt group holding a 501(c)(3) status and providing a service relating to "health" and human "welfare" is eligible to receive payroll deduction donations from federal employees.

Formerly, federal employees had about 200 groups from which to choose to make contributions. Those groups were selected by the United Way of the National Capitol Area. The old regulation was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. District Court-District of Colubia following a lawsuit brought by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

lesbian health survey

ATLANTA, GA — A national survey of lesbian health care needs is underway, with partial funding from the Ms. Foundation for Women. A questionnaire on physical and mental health concerns, anti-lesbian discrimination, and accessibility to services has been developed and is being distributed by members of the National Lesbian/Gay Health Education Foundation.

The results of this first-of-its-kind study will help to expand the knowledge of lesbian health care needs and provide more information for both health care consumers and providers. Results will also be used to formulate public policy through interaction between NL/GHEF, the major professional health-related organizations and the Public Health Service.

Assistance is needed in lesbian communities throughout the country to contact a diverse sample of participants and to spread the word about the survey, as well as to distribute and return questlonnaires. Students, in particular, are encouraged to integrate this research project into their academic work. For more information, contact project coordinator Caitlin Ryan, 550 Cresthill Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306, or call (404) 892-2459 or (202) 463-6982.

feinstein and domestic partners, part two

SAN FRANCISCO — For the second time in her administration, Mayor Dianne Feinstein has turned back an effort to secure health benefits for the lovers of homosexual city workers, according to the Bay Area Reporter.

On Sept. 7, Feinstein rejected a recommendation by her own task force on the topic that live-in partners of gay city workers be eligible for health benefits. The task force also recommended that the same benefits should be denied to unmarried partners of straight workers because they "have the option of getting married."

Feinstein said she was rejecting the proposal because it is unfair to heterosexual workers. Feinstein also said the issue is dead, "as far as I'm concerned"

According to an informal survey of 2000 city workers by the task force, the number of gay employees who would take advantage of health insurance for their partners would be "miniscule." One task force member said, "We're essentially coming back to the mayor and saying it's not going to cost a lot...so go ahead and do it."

Feinstein vetoed a bill which would have granted benefits to the live-in lovers of gay workers in January 1983, yielding to pressure from the city's Catholic hierarchy.

black gay men's anthology

PHILADELPHIA — Manuscripts and artwork by black gay men about the black gay male experience in America are sought for an anthology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1986. Essays and short fiction (up to 5000 words), poetry (no more than five poems), excerpts from plays or novels, journal entries, performance pleces, and interviews are all acceptable forms. All manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced on 8½x11 paper with contributor's name on each page. Deadline is Feb. 28, 1985. Mail to: Bean/BGA, P.O. Box 30024, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

battered lesbian groups

HARTFORD, CT — New groups are starting in the Hartford area for lesbians in abusive relationships. Facilitated by Loretta Wrobel, the groups will be organized separately for lesbians who are abused by their lovers and lesbians who abuse their lovers. The groups are scheduled to start in the third week of September. For more information, contact Loretta Wrobel at (203) 521-9772.

survivor to receive benefits

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court has refused to overturn a \$25,000 workers' compensation benefit award to a Los Angeles County man for the death of his lover, according to the San Bernardino Sun. The State Compensation Insurance Fund had sought to reverse a 1983 ruling which approved the payment.

The Workers Compensation Appeal Board (WCAB) awarded the benefits to Earl H. Donovan for the 1976 suicide of his lover, Thomas J. Finnerty, Jr. (see *GCN*, Vol. 11, No. 24). Finnerty had applied for worker's compensation in 1973, citing a job-related nervous condition. Finnerty was declared totally and permanently disabled in 1976, several months before his death

After Finnerty's death, Donovan applied for the \$25,000 death benefit, claiming he was Finnerty's dependent. Following several rulings and appeals, Donovan's claim was finally approved by the WCAB on the grounds that Finnerty's suicide could be attributed to his legal work as a prosecuting attorney and that Donovan qualified as a dependent.

In its 1983 decision, the WCAB overturned a 1978 ruling disqualifying gay lovers as "good faith" dependents and therefore, ineligible for benefits.

gay judge out

NEW YORK — The first openly gay judge in New York state has lost the primary race to secure his seat on the bench, according to the Washington *Blade*.

William Thom lost a three-way Democratic primary race for his seat on Sept. 11. Mayor Ed Koch appointed Thom to fill a brief interim term as a Civil Court judge last month.

An aide to Thom said he tallied 31 percent of the vote to his opponents' 40 percent and 29 percent. Thom Is a founder of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and a partner in the New York firm of Boggan and Thom.

they have lists

NEWARK, NJ — The state of New Jersey is compiling a list of suspected child abusers for the purpose of screening child care workers and persons seeking to adopt a child, according to the Baltimore Sun. Four thousand names currently appear on the list

Names are added when an inspector in the Division of Youth and Family Services substantiates evidence that child abuse has occurred; there need not be a conviction or an administrative hearing — opportunities for the accused to respond and be represented by a lawyer — for a name to be added to the list.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees pledged to recommend lawsuits if union members' names appear on the list.

'to life'

BOSTON — A 30-minute video program entitled "To Life" and featuring two local men with AIDS and one man with AIDS-Related Complex (ARC) will air on public access Channel 3 on Boston Cable TV at 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 27. Conceived and produced by Susan Fleichmann, the program is a personal look at how AIDS has impacted on the lives of the three men. Appearing on the show will be Howard Dill and Jim Carlton, both men with AIDS, and Bob Andrews, a member of the AIDS Action Committee who has been diagnosed with ARC. The program was produced in conjunction with the Studio No collective.

who's exploiting whom?

LEXINGTON, KY — Police entrapment of gay men frequently incites the outrage of the gay and lesbian community, but the Lexington police are in everybody's hot water with their latest scheme for busting homosexuals.

According to the New York *Times*, detectives wired a 16-year-old "street kid" with a microphone and sent him out as a decoy in an entrapment operation to snare gay men hiring young hustlers. The cops told him to get descriptions and Ilcense plate numbers of men who picked up hustlers from a downtown parking lot. But by the time the Lexington cops swooped in on a man to arrest him, the decoy's 14-year-old cousin had just had sex with him for \$20.

The man, William Wessell, was charged with sodomy and providing alcohol to minors. Circuit Judge N. Mitchell Meade refused to throw the case of out court because, he said, the 14-year-old was not acting officially for the cops. Wessell was convicted on Sept. 11 of all but one sodomy charge involving yet a third youth, not the decoy's cousin. The decoy testified that he had taken his cousin along for company and the cousin didn't know he was wired for sound or working for the cops.

The deputy director of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children said using the youth was "absolutely unconscionable." The chief of the Louisville (Ky.) Police Department wondered aloud what would have happened if the youth had been hurt.

And an ACLU attorney, Ellie Goldman, said the police officers were guilty. "They really encouraged youngsters to engage in criminal conduct. The irony is that the special unit on exploited and missing children seems to be responsible."

capote's will

NEW YORK — Gay author Truman Capote bequeathed his \$600,000 estate to his longtime companion John Paul Dunphy. Capote died on August 25 at age 59 of as-yet-undetermined causes. The will, dated May 4, 1981, stipulates that upon Dunphy's death the remainder of Capote's estate will be used to establish an annual prize or prizes for excellence in literary criticism. The will says that "The Truman Capote Award for Literary Criticism in Memory of Newton Arvin," a former literary critic and author, should be given "on a competitive basis in a manner similar to the award of the Pulitzer Prize."

locked out

MIAMI — A set of Haitian triplets who show early symptoms of AIDS have been barred from attending public kindergarten and will be tutored at home, according to an AP dispatch. Citing the fear that the unidentified triplets could infect their classmates, the school system's health coordinator said, "Let's not take a chance." The children, apparently infected with AIDS in their mother's womb, do not have any of the opportunistic infections associated with AIDS.

Lesbian Custody Case Clarifies Co-Parent Role

By Christine Guilfoy

OAKLAND, CA — An Alameda County Superior Court judge has handed down a decision in a case involving two lesbians which may help clarify the rights of non-biological parents. In a September 8 decision, Judge Demetrius Agretelis ruled that Linda Jean Loftin may seek visitation rights with a child conceived through artificial insemination by her estranged lover, Mary Elizabeth Flournoy, when Leftin and Flournoy were lovers.

ACLU attorney Donna Hitchens, former director of the Lesbian Rights Project, said the case is significant because Agretelis "responded to it as a family unit, just like any divorce case,"

The case may be of particular interest in the lesbian community as more women opt to become parents. "People approach parenting naively," said Hitchens. She also noted that lesbians who co-parent need to plan how they will mediate conflicts over parenting, and how they will handle the family unit in the event of a separation.

The principals in the case, Mary Flournoy and Linda Loftin, were lovers from 1977 to 1980. In 1977, they had a church ceremony where they exchanged vows, and in 1978 they had a child after Flournoy was artificially inseminated with sperm donated by Loftin's brother. When the child, a girl, was born, she was given the surname of Loftin and "L.J. Loftin"

is named as the father on the birth

In a May 1983 interview (see GCN vol. 10 no. 42), Loftin's attorney, Ivan Morse, described the relationship as a "textbook conventional marriage," and said Loftin supported the family, which included Flournoy's two children by an earlier marriage, while Flournoy provided the primary child care, kept house and paid the bills.

The couple broke up in 1980 but Flournoy would not allow Loftin to visit the child, Sparkle, who is

Karen Ryer, Flournoy's attorney, said Loftin was ordered to pay child support by a district attorney on the ground that Loftin had an oral agreement with Flournoy to support the child. Ryer added, however, that the order would not have held up in court had Loftin chosen to challenge it. Ryer said Loftin paid the support for about a year.

Ryer alleges that Loftin was interested in obtaining visitation only "off and on" and has seen Sparkle only occasionally since 1980. But Morse, Loftin's attorney, told GCN that Flournoy "absolutely and adamantly refused [Loftin's attempts] to see the child." Morse added that Loftin saw the child "surreptitiously" for awhile, a practice which she discontinued when Flournoy threatened to get a restraining order. Morse said it was at that point that

Loftin decided to bring the matter to court.

In March 1983, Loftin sued for the right to visitation and in April 1983 it was ruled that the matter should be referred to family court. The ruling handed down September 8 by Agretelis held that Loftin, a non-biological parent, has the same right as a biological parent to seek relief in family

Ryer said she "didn't understand the judge's ruling from a legal standpoint" but added she supposed "that [Agretelis] thought Loftin should have the opportunity to prove herself the psychological parent. The judge thought [she] may have had a family relationship with the child originally, years before. He thought she ought to have the right to have the court decide if it is in the best interest of the child for that right to be exercised."

California law recognizes certain rights for "psychological parents," defining them as individuals who "on a continuing, day-to-day basis through interaction, companionship, interplay and mutuality, fulfill the child's pschological need for a parent, as well as the child's physical needs."

Ryer said the fact that Loftin's brother had donated the sperm did not legally strengthen her case because her blood relationship carries no legal privilege. However, she speculated it may have weigh-

ed in the judge's decision. "Legally she had no statutory rights. But it may have had something to do with the gut feeling on the part of Judge Agretelis."

The latest ruling has resulted in setting up a final attempt at mediation between Flournoy and Loftin before the trial date of November 19. Ryer said she hopes an out-of-court settlement can be reached. Ivan Morse, Loftin's attorney, agreed that progress is being made, and he also anticipates an agreement before it gets to trial.

Ryer said the case provides no precedent but may be considered an advisory opinion to other judges faced with a similar situation. Hitchens agrees, saying "Technically, it has no precedential value, [but] it makes it easier on another judge [faced with a similar situation]."

Early on, the case attracted much publicity, some of which was sensational. Ryer said the press focused much of its attention on the "lesbian father" when Loftin publicly described herself as the father. Ryer said the press coverage has improved over the past year.

Hitchens told GCN that the case underscores the need for clear written agreeemnts between people involved in relationships, particularly where children are involved. She said co-parents need to talk about and put in writing what would occur if the couple were to separate. She suggested

building mediation into possible conflicts over parenting.

Ryer suggests having relationship contracts, a co-parenting agreement, a contract to support the child in the event the nonbiological parent leaves the home, and provision for visitation. She also suggests a "nomination of guardian" agreement so that in the event of the death of the biological parent, custody would go to the non-biological parent. She recommended that a will be drawn up so that in the even of the death of the non-biological parent, a child would be entitled to the same benefits as if the deceased were a biological parent.

"We advise the non-biological parent that if a breakup occurs, your parting shot should be to write a check for the children. Also, maintain phone and other contact with the children. This establishes the intent to parent," Ryer said.

Hitchens told GCN she wrote a paper entitled Leshians Choosing Motherhood: The Implications of Donor Insemination. As well as covering general areas of interest, it includes sample agreements for: sperm donors, co-parents, the terminology for wills and a medical consent form, giving a lover the ability to make decisions in the event one is incapacitate. The

paper is available for \$3.00 from

the Lesbian Rights Project, 1370

Mission St., San Francisco, CA

74105

Surprise!

Referendum Stripped From Maryland Ballot

By Jim Ryan

BETHESDA, MD — The state of Maryland's highest court handed gay men and lesbians a victory on September 14 when it voted to strip a referendum challenge to Montgomery County's human rights ordinance from the November ballot. The action by the seven-member Court of Appeals came just hours before the county was set to begin printing election ballots and draws to a close eight months of controversy and legal maneuvering concerning the ordinance.

In February of this year, the County Council voted to add the term "sexual orientation" to the list of protected classes in its human rights law. Immediately, fundamentalists began to push for a referendum to strike out that section of the law.

Calling themselves Citizens for Decent Government (CDG), they collected over 26,000 signatures on a petition that the appeals court found to be technically flawed. CDG had failed to list on the petition the title of the legislation they were seeking to repeal, and also made the mistake of attacking only those sections of the law that

referred to sexual orientation; county law forbids referenda on sections of laws.

In August, citing these technicalities, the county's Board of Supervisors of Elections announced that there would be no referendum on the issue. The CDG then took the board to court and found a sympathetic ear in Montgomery County Judge John J. Mitchell. On August 29, Mitchell ordered that the referendum be reinstated on the ballot. Attorneys for the board and the Suburban Maryland Gay/Lesbian Alliance took their case to the state's highest court in Annapolis, asking for an expedited decision.

The Court of Appeals was the court of last resort on this issue and its decision ends the seesaw battle over the ordinance. Unwilling to admit defeat, Steven D. Campen, lawyer for CDG, hinted that they would wait until someone was prosecuted under the provision, and then challenge its constitutionality.

Gary Green, the director of Montgomery County Citizens for Justice, called Campen's threat "sour grapes," though he is wor-

ried over the decision by CDG to use the money to support a redistricting proposition on the county ballot: "They hope to exact their revenge on those members of the county council who supported the legislation."

Green's organization, which was established to wage a campaign in support of the human rights ordinance, has voted to remain in existence. It hopes to lobby for repeal of the state's sodomy law and to work with the Maryland Task Force on Violence and Extremism to attack the problem of violence against gay men and larbines.

As far as the Montgomery County ordinance is concerned, Green said, with more than a little relief in his voice, "It's over. There is nothing the other side can do. The law requires that challenges to the law be made within 90 days of enactment. Having erred in their first challenge to the human rights law, the CDG cannot now make another request for a special election because the ordinance went into effect in May."

Gay Prisoners Denied Right To Worship

By John Zeh

CINCINNATI — The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, based here, ruled Sept. 11 that prison wardens may prohibit congregational religious worship by gays.

The decision was handed down after Jackson (Michigan) State Prison inmates sued officials to permit Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) worship services inside prison walls. MCC had been allowed visitation and mail privileges since 1976, but denied congregational gatherings.

The court here upheld a 1977 U.S. District Court ruling that homosexual inmates worshipping together could be identified as gay and victimized by violent fellow prisoners.

MCC attorney John Wahl of San Francisco argued before the court here that the ban violates inmates' 14th Amendment right to equal protection because other churches unsupportive of gays' spiritual needs are allowed to hold services.

Wahl called the recent decision "complete and total balderdash and evidence of a paranoid fear of homosexuality," according to the Cincinnati *Enquirer*. He said he would press MCC's suit before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court acknowledged that

while inmates do not yield all constitutional protections during incarceration, prison discipline, order, and security may necessitate limitation of rights. Prison officials' experience should take precedence over judicial preferences, it held.

The Rev. Jerry Motto, pastor of the MCC congregation here, said he supports the continued appeal to the Supreme Court because "the precedent denying our right to hold services is to deny the freedom of religion. We are a Christian denomination [too]." In reality, he added, "Christian worship is not the issue, sexuality is."

No MCC church is located close to a state or lederal prison in Ohio, so the issue of services has not been raised in the Buckeye State, he said. But "We've had nothing but cooperation with our encounters" with jail officials in Cincinnati and twice at the state prison in Chillicothe.

He and two other MCC staff members are official chaplains in the County/City jail system here. One leads a general service in the women's section of the main jail monthly and all three are working hard to "establish rapport" for additional outreach, he said.

Studds

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But Studds' press secretary Mary Breslauer cautioned against a simplistic analysis of the primary results, noting that the turnout for the general election will likely be much larger than the 35 percent of the electorate who voted in the primary. In 1982, Breslauer said, the general election produced a 67 percent turnout, and in 1980, 81 percent of the voters went to the polls.

Breslauer said the campaign hopes to attract Democrats who voted for Flynn in the primary. "I think that we are certainly looking toward a general election campaign where we will have a clear line between the Democratic nominee and the Republican nominee," Breslauer said, "and we will certainly give the voters a clear choice."

Breslauer also noted that although Ronald Reagan did better in Studds' district in 1980 than in any other district in Massachusetts, Studds won every precinct in the district in that same election. "I think if Mr. Crampton is expecting to ride in on Mr. Reagan's coattails, he is going to be surprised," she said.

But Breslauer said the race would nonetheless be a difficult one for Studds. "We're going to be in for the fight of our lives," she acknowledged. "That's the seriousness with which we take it."

In other local races, State Senator Michael LoPresti beat challenger Mark Govoni by a two-to-one margin. Although Govoni received widespread progressive support, the race had divided local lesbian and gay political organizations because both candidates expressed support for a lesbian and gay rights bill. Govoni supporters criticized LoPresti's support for the death penalty and his absence at one rollcall for the lesbian and gay rights bill.

In a similarly divided race, incumbent state representative Sal DiMasi beat challenger Sal Tecce by a similar margin. Tecce supporters had criticized DiMasi's opposition to abortion and support for the death penalty.

In the Twelfth Suffolk District, however, challenger John Mc-Donough easily beat incumbent Rep. James Craven, a 26-year veteran of the House, despite the appearance of two alleged "straws" on the ballot. One of those, Joseph A. MacDonald, sent an eleventh-hour letter to voters in the district, which includes parts of Roxbury, Jamaica Plain and Roslindale, criticizing McDonough for his support of abortion and lesbian and gay rights. MacDonald received 210 votes out of the over 5000 ballots

In the Somerville race for the seat of retiring Sen. Denis McKenna, State Rep. Vincent Piro beat Somerville Alderman Sal Albano by 204 votes. Although both candidates expressed support for a lesbian and gay rights bill, earning both the endorsement of the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus, Albano differed from Piro in his support for abortion rights rent control. Piro, who is currently under federal indictment for allegedly accepting a bribe, goes on trial on September 24. Albano has asked for a recount.

Editorial

Ray Flynn and Lesbian/Gay Liberation

Boston's Mayor Ray Flynn established his political career as a leader of the anti-busing and anti-abortion movements in the 1970s, when his outspoken views earned him notoriety as a symbol of racism and the right-wing backlash against the women's liberation movement. We think it's a grave mistake that some Boston lesbians and gay men are expressing praise for Flynn, and that the New England Committee of the Human Rights Campaign Fund should voice this praise by honoring Flynn with an award at its September 13 fundraising dinner.

We are glad that Flynn has appointed a liaison to the lesbian and gay community, in addition to naming several other open lesbians and gay men to posts in his administration, and we acknowledge the value of his non-discriminatory executive order and the human rights ordinance he signed into law. But are these acts enough to earn our trust, respect, alliances and awards?

In 1977, Ray Flynn, then a Massachusetts State Representative already well-known for his vocal opposition to busing, joined his colleague Charles Robert Doyle in sponsoring a bill to eliminate state funding for abortion. The Doyle-Flynn bill, which passed the legislature over the veto of Governor Michael Dukakis, eliminated funding for abortions both through Medicaid and through health insurance provided to state employees. Although the Supreme Judicial Court later ruled the Medicaid restriction unconstitutional, state employees are still denied abortion benefits, and anti-abortion forces in Massachusetts have submitted a constitutional "Right-to-Life Amendment" that would eliminate Medicaid funding once again and pave the way for an outright ban on abortions in the state.

While in the state legislature, Ray Flynn also voted against the Equal Rights Amendment and the Lesbian and Gay Rights Bill. Since that time, Flynn has liberalized his views; he now supports those measures and speaks out in support of ideas like "racial unity" and against "discrimination in any form." But Flynn's political growth has not included any change in his position on abortion rights. And Flynn continues to show a lack of understanding of institutionalized racism, as distinct from "prejudice" or "discrimination"; during his campaign for mayor, Flynn dodged

questions about racism, acknowledging only "economic discrimination" in South Boston and Roxbury alike.

Although the mayor has little or no direct control over abortions performed in the city, he is a highly-visible public official, with considerable power to influence policy and opinion. He will almost certainly see a referendum on the Right-to-Life Amendment on the ballot during his term in office. Flynn supporters have attempted to excuse his views by labeling them "religious," "moral" and "not political," and by recalling his statement during the campaign that he would not use his office to further his views on abortion. The fact is, however, that Flynn used the office of the city council to issue proclamations in support of "Right-to-Life Day," and he appeared, just three weeks after his inauguration as mayor, at an anti-abortion rally on the eleventh anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming abortion rights at the federal level.

Rather than question Flynn's right to express his anti-abortion views, however, we question the separation of issues that opened the door to his election and that allows for his current popularity. The right to have an abortion has been understood by lesbian and heterosexual feminists alike to be the most fundamental of women's rights. We believe, as do many gay men, lesbians and feminists, that the struggle for abortion rights and gay and lesbian liberation are closely linked: both struggles demand the right to control our own bodies and sexuality, and in particular, the right to enjoy sex for pleasure. Although the lesbian and gay supporters of Ray Flynn seem to overlook this interdependence of issues, the connection has not escaped the notice of the New Right, which applies its resources with equal vehemence against abortion and homosexuality.

The awarding of honors to Ray Flynn is an act that widens the divisions in an already divided lesbian and gay community. Such an award abandons feminist and anti-racist politics, undermines the work of abortion rights activists, and relegates the fundamental issue of abortion rights to secondary importance. Let us instead seek to recognize those activists who have emphasized the common

themes in all our struggles.

Community Voices

west coast support for giovanni's

(GCN received a copy of this letter to the Philadelphia Gay News.—Ed.)

To the Editor:

It has taken quite a while for the news about the pamphlet, How to Have Sex with Children, to reach us out here, but because we are former Philadelphians, we have finally heard the details. We are appalled at the apparent lack of community support for Arleen and Ed. We are shocked by the evidence that a group of Lesbians and gays took this issue to the straight establishment. We are incredulous that a persecuted minority group attacks rather than defends a basic individual freedom.

Since Arleen and Ed assumed the tenancy of Giovanni's Room, the bookshop has been a vital focal point for Lesbians and gays in Philadelphia. Giovanni's Room has provided access to the poetry, the fiction, and the theorizing literature that, for centuries, was denied us. The shop has also been a source of information to assist us in the necessary networking that helped solidify the community over a long period of time. Further, Arleen and Ed have been activists in the community, doing much of the work over the years that kept us moving along. In this instance, it seems to us that Arleen and Ed were doing their jobs as booksellers which, in part, is to make available to their public (our community) printed information which will keep us informed.

That Lesbians and gays went to the city's government rather than to the Lesbian and gay community to deal with this issue seems to us a treacherous, cowardly act. If we have learned nothing from our hundreds of years of oppression, we should have learned that controversies concerning our community need to be dealt with by and within the community. Heterosexuals do not support us, do not accept us, do not, in general, like us. Taking this pamphlet to the city council was tantamount to throwing Arleen and Ed to the lions.

Finally, one of the most vital parts of our recent revolution has been the accessibility of information. We ean talk to each other in print; we ean share, inform, debate on a wide scale. Here in San Francisco, we can read the Philadelphia Gay News. The establishment press and media is stingy in its production of Lesbian and gay literature and news. Within the last fifteen years, we have created and established free presses which print what Lesbians and gays are thinking so that other Lesbians and gays can read, know, understand, react, dialogue, speak out. If we begin to censor within our own community's press, we are allowing ourselves to become vulnerable to eventual total censorship. Censorship of this pamphlet today can lead to censorship of our poetry and novels tomorrow. It is within recent memory that it was virtually impossible to find a novel that presented any aspect of our varied lifestyles in an honest manner. The Well of Loneliness and Beebo Brinker were all we had. Non-fiction by Lesbians and gays was nonexistent: the theorizing that did occur was written by straight, homophobic males. Moreover, if we invite straight people to participate in (indeed, ask them to lead) the censorship, we invite our more rapid demise as a community which has fought to establish communication lines for the last fifteen years.

Book burning is ugly, evil, and reactionary. Toadying to the oppressor is cowardly. Abandoning, attacking, and actively selling-out one's allies is traitorous.

We, two lonely voices transplanted to the west coast, ask you to draw yourselves back and take a look at what you are doing to Arleen and Ed, to our entire community. We ask you to regroup, take the issue back into the community (if it's not too late for that), and deal with it always remembering who we all are and our ever-present vulnerability. At the very least, we ask you to cease the persecution and the book burning; if you can not be actively supportive of individual freedom, do not continue to actively undermine and attack it.

Carol A. Wild Hannah Wild San Francisco, CA

hoopla and more hoopla

Dear GCN

John Laird's "Hoopla and Substance" (Aug. 11,1984) is, unfortunately, almost all hoopla. Laird claims that "All parts of the country were truly represented" at the Democratic Convention in San Francisco. To prove this he says a 70 year-old Latina walked by, wearing a badge, "Puerto Rico, the 51st state."

Laird should know that Puerto Rico, as a colony of the U.S., does not have the dubious privilege of representation in the American political system. Puerto Ricans on the island may vote in the primaries as of 1980, but do not participate in presidential elections.

A non-voting Puerto Rican "representative" is allowed to sit in Congress. Although Puerto Ricans do vote for their own governor, the U.S. controls the election outcome, and may overrule any actions taken by the governor should the "wrong" one somehow get in. The 1980 election of U.S.-backed Puerto Rican Governor Romero Barcelo, who has been implicated in the 1978 murder of two *independentistas*, is a well-documented fraud. Puerto Ricans' rights as compulsory U.S. citizens begin and end with conscription and a disproportionate number of deaths in U.S. wars

Laird seems blissfully ignorant to the fact that a brutally suppressed Puerto Rican Socialist Independence Movement continues to struggle—not for statehood, but for freedom from the U.S. Certainly there are powerful proponents of statehood here and in Puerto Rico, but their leaders are U.S. allies who have turned their backs on Puerto Rico's right to self-determination.

Laird and other pro-Democrat queers should read Merle Woo's excellent piece, also Aug. 11, 1984, "Revolutionary Optimism—The Order of the Day." As she says, "The Democratic Party has absorbed and put a brake on militant workers and the left, containing the radical movement,

taking out our bite and our sting." Laird's applause for a Puerto Rican presence at the Democratic convention is just another sharp reminder of how well the Democrats succeed at cooptation.

The fact is, the Democrats have done nothing for Puerto Rico, done nothing for people of color in the U.S., women, queers. They'll use a woman V.P. if they can get power that way. They'll include a gay rights plank—if they don't have to talk about it, and can maybe pick up a few votes.

Laird thinks we're on our way to "progress and change," with Mondale leading the way and registered gay voters trooping along behind. He points to the diversity of regions represented by gays and lesbians, for example...Guam. Guam, too, is a U.S. property whose people do not participate in presidential elections.

He also points out that popular opinion has shifted: people recognize "that being gay is not a matter of choice; that the fight for gay civil rights is on the same level as the similar fight for black and brown people." Many lesbians and gay men believe their sexuality is a matter of choice — do we only get Democratic support if we say we can't help but be queer, so please have pity? Are the gay/lesbian politics that criticize the mandated nuclear family, the heterosexual macho, sexual repression, etc. only rationalizations for our condition?

Like Third World Liberation struggles around the globe, like the Puerto Rican Socialist Independence Movement, many gays and lesbians are fighting for a lot more than civil rights and a few lines in a platform the Democrats are not bound by. As Merle Woo says, "Just because we want to dump Reagan doesn't mean we'll be herded into the Democratic Party." We can't give in that easy, and we can't settle for so little.

Sincerely, Stephanie Poggi Cambridge, MA

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Rights Bill Amendments Proposed To Shortcircuit Domestic Partner Claim

BOSTON — City Council President Joseph Tierney has proposed an amendment to the city's newlyenacted Human Rights Ordinance designed to prevent unmarried city employees from claiming their "domestic partners" under the city's group health insurance plan.

Tierncy submitted the change, along with an amendment providing exemption for religious organizations and another to keep women and men out of each other's public restrooms, at the September 19 council meeting, just a week after David Scondras, the openly gay councillor who sponsored the ordinance, requested health insurance for his lover, Robert Krebs.

Tierney and At-Large Councillor Albert L. "Dapper" O'Neil, who cast the lone "no" vote on the original ordinance, sought to have the council debate and vote on the amendments immediately. But Scondras used a parlimentary manuever to have the amendment

debate and vote.

"I think the debate is totally inappropriate," Scondras told GCN after the council meeting. "I think it's based on uncomfortable feelings, homophobia." Scondras said he would use the delay to try to dispel those feelings and explain his position to the other coun-

The controversy began when Brian Mooney and Peter Lucas, reporters for the Boston Herald, wrote a story based on a leaked copy of a letter from Scondras to the director of group health insurance at City Hall.

"As you know," Scondras had written, "we have a nondiscrimination policy in this city which includes people who are gay or lesbian, as well as disabled people, ethnic groups, racial minorities, etc. Given this reality, I would like my partner and legal companion, Robert Krebs, to be given coverage as he is my im-

sent to committee, delaying the mediate family and [is] my spouse.'

"It shows you how deep homophobia runs," Scondras told GCN. "If Dapper asked for coverage for his sister, we wouldn't see this kind of news coverage." O'Neil, who is unmarried, lives with his sister.

"Tierney says it's one thing to tolerate a lifestyle, it's another thing to have the taxpayers subsidize a lifestyle," Scondras said. "Then the taxpayers should not have to subsidize his lifestyle. He's a married man. What is it about his lifestyle that he should have privileges I don't have?"

"People who are not married should not get family coverage," responded Tierney, who told GCN that Scondras' request "has prompted outrage from the citizenry in Boston" as well as the Roman Catholic and Christian Science Churches. Tierney also told the Boston Globe that such requests "would cost the city a

substantial amount of money."

Councillor O'Neil, asked why he supported the amendments, told GCN he did so "because in the first place, the gay and lesbian ordinance should never have been on the floor of this council, and I will do everything I can to get rid

O'Neil also repeated his oftheard claim that he has never held a fundraiser, but said he would do so next year "in order to kill him [Scondras] off."

A letter from Scondras to his colleagues on the council explaining his request was returned by O'Neil with the notation in the margin: "You have really embarrased [sic] this City Council with your rediculous [sic] request, and I don't want anymore correspondence sent to my office. All I can say, is that you had one hell of a nerve to even suggest Insurance coverage for your Lover or Spouse as you call him. I am speaking for myself, and no other



David Scondras

Councillor - you make me sick." O'Neil, who sits next to Scondras in the alphabetical arrangement on the council floor, also added a postscript: "I would appreciate it very much if you would see the President of the Council, and make arrangements to change your seat in the Council. I can't stand sitting behind you. Being a sènior member, I have no intention of changing my seat, you move. [Signed] Albert L. O'Neil, A straight Councillor."

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Feminist Comedy... Seriously Now

By Deirdre Neilen Interviewing Kate Clinton is like being at one of her performances. She is by turns witty, provocative, serious, and outrageous. She and Trudy Wood, her partner/manager, met with me recently and we let the tape recorder roll. What follows is only an excerpt, but I hope it conveys some of the reasons why this artist, constantly working on her craft, is receiving an ever-larger audience.

DN: What's your response to those women who find comedy threatening or abusive?

KC: When I began, I did have to talk audiences into liking comedy. They were really nervous about it. I remember when I was first in Canada, a woman came up to me after the performance and said, "I heard you were a feminist comedian, so I came to make sure you were not going to make fun of us, and if you did, I was going to punch you out!'

Humor has been used against women so they don't trust it. In men's humor certainly, there is that kind of abusive school of humor, the Don Rickles kind, the kind you see in the comedy clubs. But feminist humor, at its best, equalizes; it's more inclusive, and it does not have that notion of putting somebody down. It's more "See how much alike we are," and that's where some of the surprise and humor of it come from. As a lesbian doing heterosexuals — can I say that? — I show them, too, how much we have in common. But mostly, it's a matter of trust. I have three years behind me now, and women can and do trust that I am not out to slam them. I'd rather think of myself as provocative, not malicious.

DN: Are you conscious of writing for lesbians and maybe gay men? Who is your ideal audience?

KC: I used to be conscious of writing lesbian material, but now I'm more conscious of writing from a lesbian viewpoint. I encourage everyone to come into an audience; as a feminist and a lesbian, I of course probably appeal most to them, but I have confidence in my ability to make everyone laugh. I say to the men and the straights in the audience, either directly or through my attitude, "Listen, we have to hear your humor every night of our lives; one night of this won't kill you. So you get a little heart murmur, relax!"

the audience that I'm all right, that they're going to be all right, and that they don't have to listen to what I say through the straight people around them. I love being in a lesbian audience and just ripping; I feel at home. I'm with my people; I can do lesbian arcana, and they understand it.

DN: The best comedy challenges us to look more closely at things; what do you want your comedy to make us question?

KC: I base what I do on two things: 1) women are oppressed; 2) that oppression must end. I want my audience to take home thoughts about the way government, education, religion, and media oppress women. As a lesbian, I believe that one of the ways that oppression can end is that women love women. One of my jobs is to reflect a lesbian 'up' comedy. This particular art culture that is alive and well and thriving. Women laughing together is a composite of surprise and dissonance and multiplicity and unity; it intimates what we can be in community.



you how you got your start, but tell us a bit about the people who led you to this vocation.

KC: Oh, you Catholic girls! Since you used the word, let's begin with my Catholic schooling. In high school English class, we had to watch Sr. Augusta take all the parts in The Merchant of Venice; we couldn't say or do anything, just watch her act it out — a fertile time for me and my imagination! When she finished the play on Monday, it was time for us to write one paragraph; then Tuesday through Friday, we listened to each other read our paragraphs. There were sixty kids in the class, and when I had my turn, I aimed for a physical reaction. I knew if I got one, there was someone out there listening. In some ways, I'm still going for the physical reaction; I need to hear those people responding.

In college, again Catholic, I read the Aeneid and thought, isn't this Dido's story? Why isn't it called the Didiad? I thought the women were the most interesting people in the stories; you try telling that to a Jesuit!

DN: Did you?

KC: Just once. The reaction and grade I got taught me to pretend to write more like Leslie Fiedler; you know, "Death, I love it Anyway, it was reading Mary Daly and meeting Muriel Rukyser I need to reassure the lesbians in that made me leave my security blanket — teaching high school English — and attempt a career in comedy. Those women showed me how words can move and strengthen and encourage us. And that's what I want my comedy to do for others.

DN: You've come very far very quickly. What do you see in the future?

KC: More of the same. I want to continue to write and perform; 1 only want to get better as a performer. There's a wealth of material in our lives that has yet to be treated in a comedic way. My problem is keeping up with it. One of the most exciting things about what I'm doing is that women add on; after a performance they tell me more stories. It's the "stand with" notion of comedy as opposed to the traditional, male "standform is accessible to women; women feel comfortable because we are telling the truth about our lives, and as Muriel wrote, "if one woman told the truth about her life, the world would split open." DN: I know I promised not to ask DN: You see humor then as

revolutionary?

KC: Definitely. My comedy has a basic tenet that is extremely revolutionary: we will enjoy ourselves and we will shun the old

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Many of us have long been aware of reported mistreatment of gays in Cuba, not only because of the so-called machismo and homophobia in the Afro-Latin American culture, but more specifically as a result of the state's targetting and isolation of homosexuals in the UMAP camps. UMAP is an acronym from Military Units to Aid Production and refers to a branch of required military service used from 1965-1967 for draftees perceived to be homosexual and/or antisocial. The release this year of the documentary film Improper Conduct has restimulated debate about sex-

been careful not to step too far beyond the consciousness of the people or to alienate them. "We have to be patient, making steps forward little by little; in performing our sex education work, we have already very often broken the tolerance limits of our people."

In sharp contrast to the portrayal of Cuba in Improper Conduct, the state, as reresented by the National Working Group on Sex Education, seems to be a kind of vanguard of sexual politics vis a vis its population. (Krause incidentally was reading Powers of Desire, The Politics of Sexuality at the time of our interview.) The only law still on the books which refers to gay people applies solely to the exclusion of openly gay men and lesbians from teaching in primary schools; sources

LIBERATION LITTLE BY LITTLE SEX AND IDE

uality in revolutionary Cuba, and refueled anti-Cuban sentiments. *Improper Conduct* is intended to confirm our worst suspicions about Cuba. In this article we will describe some of our experiences in Cuba, and try to show how our interviews concerning sexual ideology and our perceptions of sexual openness are in seeming contradiciton to *Improper Conduct*.

During our research in Havana this July we interviewed one of the leaders of the Cuban National Group for Sex Education established in 1977, Monika Krause (an East German who has lived in Cuba for 23 years). We asked her about UMAP and Improper Conduct. "There's one thing," she said, "which we consider really a sad thing in Cuban history, and that is the UMAP, those which they are talking about in the film. It was really the expression of ignorance and unreasonable aversion to homosexuality. But that happened twenty years ago, and that picture is taking out of context things which happened and were mistakes. We feel it has been an obligation of our system to change those attitudes which could have created UMAP. Because in a socialist society there can be no discrimation."

While in Cuba, we read the main texts used by the classes on sex education in an effort to determine how sexual ideology was or was not changing. The material was rather mixed — some of it seeming to us almost cruelly traditional, some of it even discussing the production of s/m desire unjudgmentally. On the whole, however, the texts were far more progressive than the general level of high school discourse we have known in this country. The sex education group is clearly promoting a more tolerant and liberal sexual attitude, without moralism, sexist double standards and compulsory heterosexuality. Women should not be discriminated against for promiscuity; female virginity should not be valorized; masturbation is not shameful; and homosexuality is not immoral or a reason for discrimation.

In the National Library, the sex education books are among the most popular. There we checked out *In Defense* of *Love*, and found many passages representative of the new, enlightened approach, situated in Marxist philosophy. We quote a few examples:

"Morality changes according to the objectives of a specific society and its classes. No 'natural' moral norms or sentiments are inherent in humanity. The sole natural inclination is sexual desire itself; the specific customs with which people satisfy their desire, and all that transpires between the sexes is the product of a specific culture."

And on homosexuality:

"Homosexuality is a specific sexual preference or orientation. It would be wrong to disqualify a homosexual because of her/his sexual preference or to interpret homosexuality as a debility of character, something that many do, unfortunately, due to ignorance, lack of conprehension and prejudice. As long as someone's sexuality does not infringe on other people's rights, one should have the option of having relationships in accordance with one's disposition and desire."

(All quotes are our translation.)

These passages, however, are not necessarily indicative of the general outlook on sexuality and homosexuality in Cuba. We found in Cuba both a large number of gay people and a startling degree of open homophobia. Some people said they thought homosexuality was "immoral" and not part of Cuban values. People seemed especially frightened by so-called effeminacy in little boys. And indeed the boys (and the men) seemed a bit more "feminine" than in the U.S.; certainly the men seemed more affectionate with each other and with their children.

Furthermore there were many more reactionary quotes than the number of progressive ones we cited above. We asked Monika Krause why the books used for sex education were equivocal, and somewhat contradictory. She answered that the revolution has always

report that this law was repealed sometime during the last year. There is a law against public sexual intercourse, applying to both gays and straights, which one might assume is used discriminatorily against gays. In this regard, however, we heard about a case of two men caught making love in the bushes. They were found innocent on the grounds that the police had to go out of their way to discover them. While we were told by Krause that there are no laws against homosexuality, we are unclear about the status of public homosexual "extravagence," and about the remains of the 1939 Cuban Social Defense Code.

In general Havana is quite liberal and casual in its dress and sexual openness. Beach denizens show off their sexy, affluent bodies in tiny bikinis and romp around the streets — by day at least — in shorts, attire which is normally circumscribed in Latin American and other developing regions. Michael Jackson, Olivia Newton John, and Lionel Richie blare from loud-speakers, "ghetto blasters," and an occasional walkman. People touch each other with an encouraging ease, and seem generally happy. Even on the overcrowded buses people are courteous, and unlike the New York subways, newspapers are not jammed between your and the other guy's nose.

As journalists and researchers, we were free to go unaccompanied wherever we wanted, to talk freely with people, to use the libraries (though access to the archives takes a quota of time and ingratiation, usually about a week), to rent a car, whatever. While given the red-carpet treatment in lectures and meetings, and shown all the model factories and peasants, we did not find anywhere a great deal of contrast to the show-pieces. Nowhere was there desperate poverty or fear on people's faces. Havana is clearly delapidated in parts though, and as one fellow North American joked, "a dump compared with the rest of Cuba."

This picture of Cuba is in stark contrast to the statements in Improper Conduct about the narrowly re stricted path and tight surveillance of tourists; about the prohibition of American music and loud shirts; and about the low standard of living, "rationing," and poverty. Some of these inconsistencies can be explained by changes over time, others are simply dishonest. In their often personally vindictive responses to criticism of their film, Nestor Almendros and Orlando Jimenez-Leal have continued to make unsupportable statements, refutable by those who have recently beer to Cuba. For example they say that international organizations, and particularly the Red Cross and Amnesty International, are not allowed in Cuba. On the contrary, the Red Cross has a society in Cuba, and Amnesty International made a visit to Cuba in 1977 — though we were told by the latter that they are unclear how welcome they are now to return.

These contradictions must tend to discredit the entire film, which relies for its persuasive power, unfortunately, not on documentation, evidence, or explication, but on the fame, photogenic-ness, and possibilities to viewer identification with the witnesses (targeted as much or more for heterosexual liberals as bi- and homosexual ones). The historical referent that serves as the foundation for the film is UMAP. Without evidence or explanation, however, they say that UMAP was dismantled in 1969, not 1967. Similarly, they claim that though it ended in name, it continued under different guises

The superficial treatment in the film of weighty historical events, derisive accusations, and tragic personal stories is "justified" by the film's sweeping intent. The filmmakers state revealingly, "The main issue of our film is not the persecution of gays in itself, which has often been an excuse to arrest potential enemies, but that this is only an aspect, perhaps the most absurd, of a greater repression." But the cursory condemning remarks made about racism, social inequality, sexism, elite prostitution, and Castro's narcissism are almost haphazard, unsupported, or cheap shots accepted as comic relief. As for the individual cases, one is left hopelessly confused amidst the sad truths and unfair lies that are indiscernibly jumbled together for the pur-

pose of propoganda. One is left at the end as at the beginning, wondering, in particular, what exactly hap-

pened at UMAP and why.

To understand UMAP, one must first look at the changing role of the army in Cuba in 1965. By then, Cuba had successfully defeated the most serious threats of invasion and counterrevolution, and the proportion of national income devoted to military expenditures was the lowest in Cuba's history (4.4 percent). With the agreement of Fidel Castro, the high command of the military intended to begin playing a larger role in service to the nation's production needs. UMAP was designed to provide labor for the sugar harvests of 1965-66 and 1966-67.

revolutionary Cuba can be seen to be ushered in by the establishments of the Ministry of Culture and the Cuban National Group on Sexual Education in the mid-'70s. The Ministry of Culture represented the artists and intellectuals in a way proved painfully necessary by the 1971 Congress of Education and Culture. And the sex education group railed against traditional sexual taboos. Furthermore, the 1975 Family Code, though not so intended, provided a blurring of gender roles and an attempted beginning to the end of sexism correlated with homophobia.

The question about Improper Conduct is why has this propogandistic film been so successful. Shouldn't the press have been more skeptical about this capitalization of the arguments of the exiled community of Cuban artists? In addition to its deft appearance as a progressive rather than capitalist critique, the manipulative structure and editing of the film, and the reputation of the filmmakers, there is a fourth major reason why the film has so unfortunately succeeded. As Richard Goldstein wrote in his sensitive review in the

"For all that homosexuals have suffered on the silver screen, Improper Conduct is the first film to present gav people as social victims. For that reason it's a giant step

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In addition, however, the UMAP took on another and invidious function. Persons of military age thought to be counterrevolutionary, lazy, corrupt, or homosexual were drafted into the UMAP in expectation that they would be "rehabilitated" by their role in the productive economy of the nation. Who was responsible for this metamorphosis is unclear, but in addition to individual abuse of power, it must have been situated in the traditional, societal homophobia; the association of gays with U.S.-controlled prostitution and exploitation under Batista; the efforts by the CIA to co-opt gays and use gay bars for subversive purposes (see "Homosexuality, Homophobia and Revolution: Notes toward an understanding of the Cuban lesbian and gay male experience, part 1," by Arguelles, Lourdes and Rich, B. Ruby in Signs, a Journal of Women and Culture; Summer, 1984; vol. 9, no. 4; p. 689); and in the reaction to and backlash against the rapid forces of urban-rural integration, the cultural change brought about by the revolution and the social and economic upheaval transpiring worldwide in the sixties.

Many intellectuals and artists were sent to UMAP as alleged homosexuals, and reports of brutal treatment and excesses toward the draftees were widespread. In response, many protested, particularly the Cuban National Union of Writers and Artists, and they enlisted Fidel Castro's support in forcing the army to disband

these repressive military units.

Improper Conduct tries to depict UMAP as a symbolic representation of the entire revolutionary process in Cuba in which little has changed for artists, and social and intellectual deviants. UMAP, however, was described to us by Cubans as the most mistaken and shameful policy of the Cuban revolution, comparable perhaps to Nicaragua's early mistakes with the Miskito Indians, or the less regretted internment of Asians by the U.S. in World War II. Furthermore, UMAP occurred during the period of greatest sexual repression in Cuba. Our time in Havana left us with the feeling that things had changed and are still changing for Cuban gays, and with sexuality in general, and that this, in a sense, was part of a larger structure of improvements in economic development, social equality, democratic

During the early years following the revolution, the situation undoubtedly was more conservative socially and more paranoid politically. Capitalist sexual producion that flourished under Batista was quickly eliminated (though prostitution was not illegalized for about eight years while alternate jobs and training were provided for prostitutes). Lourdes Arguelles and Ruby Rich note this conservatism in their Summer Signs, A lournal of Women in Culture and Society article,

"With the profit motive removed, the superficial tolerance of homosexuality by the strongly homophobic Cuban society quickly eroded. At the same time, the revolutionary leadership railed against the evils of capitalist vice - which were often associated with homosexuality."

At the climax of this period was UMAP. Subsequently homosexuality began to be seen more in psychoanalytic terms, i.e., as a psychological pathology rather than as bourgeois decadence and subversion; and not coincidently this new perception followed the legalization of homosexuality in East Germany in 1968 and the influx into Cuba of U.S. and European progressives. The state, however, still made no efforts to end discrimination; and the 1971 Congress on Education and Culture referred to in Improper Conduct reflected both a more psychological and tentative analysis of homosexuality and a continued prejudice against it. Contrary to what is implied in Improper Conduct, however, this Congress neither made laws nor represented the government's position. Instead it was a conference of schoolteachers that published its collective opinions. Its statements against homosexuality and against homosexual artists representing the country, however, were an upsetting contribution to Cuban preudice, paranoia, and discrimination against homosexual artists and intellectuals.

The third and current phase of sexual ideology in

Fiction or Documentary? Screenwriter Ambrosio Fornet on UMAP and Improper Conduct

Selections from an interview by Laura Gotkowitz and Richard Turits

If you ask whether in Cuba there are prejudices against homosexuals I would say yes, they have existed since 1492, 500 years. The Spanish conquistadors brought them from Spain, the Indians did not have the same homosexual prejudice. The UMAP was not conceived as a jail or concentration camp for homosexuals, which is what the film suggests. It was supposed to be a branch of the military service, where, apart from receiving military training, like all Cuban youth, the recruits worked in agriculture: cutting cane, harvesting, etc., something we all did in Cuba in the 1960s including students and intellectuals.

Now, what happened with the UMAP? The idea can only be understood as coming from a narrow mentality, unscientific and prejudiced. In the Hispanic countries such as ours, many parents, when they see that their sons are not tough, are not "machos," they send them to a military school or to any place where there's strong physical activity, expected that they will "become men." And when they mean men they mean "machos," in other words the stereotype of the Latin American

Well, one of these "machos," under the guise of a socialist, considered that the UMAP would be just that, a sort of military academy to produce machos, so that the following happened: that instead of sending any recruit, homosexual or not, to any sector of the army, they started sending the homosexuals to the UMAP. Not everybody in the UMAP was homosexual, but most of the visibly homosexual were sent to the UMAP, so that the UMAP gained itself a reputation as being the place where homosexuals were sent. They said that this was making "men" out of homosexuals, with discipline, work, like in any military academy. That lasted two years and it really was a stupidity, an arbitrariness. It is important to say that no homosexual who ws not of military age was sent to the UMAP. That idea of a repressive police state which persecutes people is a total absurdity, a stupidity. I have a large number of homosexual friends; none of them were ever harassed in their public or private life.

In Cuba there are two types of people, politically speaking: the revolutionaries on the one side and the counterrevolutionaires on the other. That's the only important difference within the Cuban population. There are heterosexual counter-revolutionaries, and those are political enemies even though they are not necessarily personal enemies. I can have a brother, a cousin, or even a father that can be a counter-revolutionary, and they're still brothers, cousins, etc. In other words, there are heterosexual revolutionaries and there are homosexual revolutionaries; and they are companeros. In private life what you do with your sex is a private affair and nobody interferes with it.

Now we were mentioning the testimonies in Improper Conduct. It would be impossible to refer to all of them. In the first place I don't think it is a film about homophobia, machismo or homosexuality in Cuba. I think it a political film, a political pamphlet with a very clear message: there is a hell 90 miles away from the U.S. The filmmakers are trying to influence the progressive people. "It was very nice when it began but now it's hell," so that the conclusion would be: we have to do something to destroy that hell, go ahead Mr. Reagan, or at least, do nothing to help them. Let Cuba disintegrate."

The film, even though it is elaborate in its making, is very schematic and simplistic in its message, telling the public that

what it portrays is the whole truth, don't try to find out the larger truth. In Improper Conduct there are witnesses who appear to speak the truth, and witnesses who lie. To take two representative

cases, "Caracol," for example, whom I'm sure is speaking the truth. He is a boy who dresses as a woman, takes a stroll in the "Prado," and when he arrives at "Mariel" he is in prison. He has been in prison many times because he is doing something that is considered a public offense, etc. Now when he gets to "Mariel" he is in prison and says he doesn't want to go. Nevertheless, the jailer advises him to come

to the U.S., and forces him to leave Cuba against his will. I think that we, as revolutionaries, as Cubans, have an historical and political debt with Caracol. In other words, if Caracol was not a counter-revolutionary there was no reason why he couldn't be in Cuba, because we cannot have second-class citizens. Socialism cannot permit itself the luxury which capitalism has permitted itself for centuries, of having first-class and second-class citizens.

I admit that a personality such as Caracol's crashes against many prejudices in Cuba and I think outside of Cuba as well, in my opinion this doesn't justify that a Cuban citizen, whoever he is, be forced to emigrate against his will, unless he has serious political reasons to go, such as an active counter-revolutionary. In the case of Caracol, it is obvious that he had no relation to the counter-revolution or any hostile political activity. As far as I am concerned Caracol was the most convincing character in the film, and I think we have a debt towards him. If I had to face him I would feel rather ashamed. I would feel that as a revolutionary and socialist I owe him an explanation.

Now, most of the other witnesses, or so-called witnesses, are lying. There are outright lies, as in the case of Valladares, for example. Valladares was a policeman during Batista's regime. To be a policeman for Batista in 1958, for a young individual not suffering from hunger, was a horrible thing. They were assassinating thousands of youngsters, thousands of workers. And the young Valladares is a policeman for Batista. The revolution wins and Valladares stays in Cuba. But suddenly he starts to get acquainted with terrorist groups. There are newspapers from 1962-63 which report the terrorist acts by a group in which there's someone named Valladares. This man is judged and jailed, where he pretends to be paralitic. When he is freed he walks away on his two legs. He also pretends to be a poet, but it is enough to read some of his poems to realize that he can barely write a

Valladares has lived a permanent lie, his medium is tendencious lies. His testimony in Improper Concut is horrifying, as it is horrifying to believe what he says in it. Nobody that's been in Cuba for a week or even three days can believe such a lie. He talks about a jailed youth, raped by five jailers. Really, that's too much. In Cuba the children from Sierra Maestra, from the backlands of the country, have a cardiac problem, and are brought to Havanna, sent to the best hospital, given a treatment that would cost thousands and thousands of dollars, and if they have to be sent to a foreign country they are sent.

As I was saying, nobody that's been in Cuba can believe such a thing. In Cuba, the infant mortality rate is the lowest in Latin America. In Cuba, if a child has any problem or is about to die, everything possible is done to save him. Therefore, to think that in a society with such a mentality, where human life is worth more than anything else, without it being important who it is, or what her/his religion, color, sex or social status is, in a society which thinks this way, how could a child, who by the way could walk through the bars of the cells, be treated in such a way, be abused sexually? But unfortunately, Valladares works on the premise that the bigger the lie, the farther it can go.

As for the intellectuals, the writers in the film, well, I don't want to mention names or enter into details, what they say is what they should say, they live off that, they are making a living off anti-communism. We would have to enter into the personal stories of Padilla, of Arenas or even Guillermo to know how is it that all this happened. Things are not that simple. Nobody was 'persecuted'' for expressing their point of view. The Cuban walls are full of counter-revolutionary words, but nobody worries about that and nobody is sent to trial for that. There's a different sort of activity connected to other problems, persons and groups that turn into illegal activities.

For example, in the case of Arenas, in Cuba it is not permitted for homosexuals to go nude and indulge in their homosexual activities on the beaches. I don't know if that is good or bad; it is just not permitted. I think it is normal, in a country like ours, this could not be accepted by the majority of the population. You would have to go to a private place. If you do it in public you go to jail. Not for being homosexual but for violating the law. From the point of view of the U.S. that could be good or bad, but those are simply the laws of our country.

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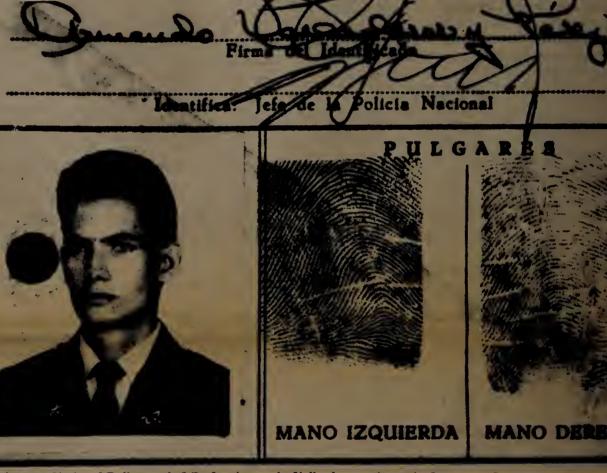
toward our legitimization." Although the purpose of this fictionalized documentary is reactionary, its misplaced message is ironically progression. If Cuba really was the embodiment of statist oppression agianst gays and social "deviants," then whatever its steps toward social justice in other areas, its self-described socialist and democratic character would have to be questioned.

Working against this progressive facsimile, however, is the fact that the film is about, but not really by or for gay people. Most of the renowned figures testifying in the film are white, male, and either heterosexual, or do not discuss their sexuality. They were mistreated because for amusing, pathetic and stereotypical reasons they were thought to be homosexuals: they were writers, they walked in a certain way, etc. Indeed we would all like to know exactly why the way a person walks is perceived as threatening and dangerous to society.

There are only two black people in the film (out of about 28 witnesses), and not coincidentally they are the only two nonintellectuals and open gays. Luis Lazlo is a hairdresser and Caracol is a transexual. While Caracol is probably the most moving and honest person in the film, the audience tends to be laughing at, rather than with, him/her. The police unfairly and repeatedly locked Caracol up for displaying his sexuality, not for any counterrevolutionary activity. It is highly doubtful, however, that a film about Caracols would have been as súccessful as Improper Conduct has been.

Caracol now lives in New York and may enjoy more open networks, gay culture, higher rents, isolation and alienation. There is undeniably more privacy in disconnected New York than in the solidarity of Cuba, both for cultural and political reasons. There are also material advantages in the U.S. — better clothes, better perfumes, and more glamor.

One wonders ultimately about the process of social change in Cuba. Even if the state is progressive, what limitations are present in a society where the state approves and funds all movements, e.g. the women's movement, the Federation of Cuban Women (F.M.C.). A gay movement like we have known in the U.S. and which has brought many of us increased freedom, power and pride would not occur the same way in Cuba. Partially one must realize that for many people sleeping with people of the same sex does not constitute the basis of an alternative identity and culture, but is considered a private and in many ways irrelevant matter. Contradictions nonetheless exist for homosexuals in Cuba. And the incorporation of all movements into the state, and idea that "we are all for the revolution" both facilitate social change in Cuba and simultaneously produces new social constraints and limitations on minority representation.



Batista-era National Policeman's I.D. for Armando Vallardares, witness in Improper Conduct

Kate Clinton

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thinking which tells us to choose the serious over the comic. The pure physicality of a good laugh, women laughing together in an audience, gives you a real charge that will carry you further.

DN: Will there be humor postrevolution, or will there be no more need of it?

KC: I'll decide! (Just kidding, I certainly hope so.)

DN: Let's talk about your new album Making Waves. It's selling very well, and even its physical appearance has people talking.

KC: Trudy and I decided to make the album visually different. We chose the blue vinyl record and the picture label deliberately, because the album marks a difference in direction for me as well. Making Waves is less reflective than Making Light was. I'm feeling more active, more revolutionary. I'm a woman "off-color" you might say and the album shows this. We did it live, and the audience and 1 had a wonderful time.

DN: What's the best part about being a comedian?

KC: I love changing people's minds. I love traveling and meeting people, hearing their stories. When I was little, I remember being almost nervous about humor; it could hurt people. You know, we learned to use it against ourselves or other girls, never against the boys. Humor then was reduced to "Don't make fun of people." But now I see humor as helping to make change,

transforming women (and men too) into believing that we can all be much more than what we've

DN: You're doing more colleges; how are those audiences dif-

KC: They're usually a lot more afraid. I do more of what I call "penile" humor for them. I also talk about my education, and growing up female in a house of burgeoning brothers. They can relate to that stuff, and then we try to offer a workshop the next day, and the questions they have there are usually quite good.

DN: You often have workshops following a performance. Why? KC: Probably it's the teacher in me "coming out" again. In the workshops, I talk about the base for feminist humor. I want to show women that they can use the genius of our humor in their own lives and communities. I want them to "talk back," to see feminist humor as participatory humor that helps them challenge the status quo. I teach them about practical jokes. For example, I have a friend who was angry about the group who picketed the abortion clinic near her child's school every Friday afternoon. They carried signs saying "Honk if you're against abortion." So she got a friend to stand with her behind them with signs that said "Honk if you've had an abortion." She said the din was deafening. Now that's a practical

DN: You also encourage other women to consider pursuing comedy themselves. How come you're not afraid of the competition?

KC: You mean I should be afraid that some day people will say, "No we don't want Kate Clinton next month; we already had a lesbian comedian last month?" Wouldn't that be great? Trudy and I do a lot of talking with the people who bring us to their communities, and we say, this is part of the revolution.

DN: What do you think is the most radical thing about you?

KC: My purple hair?

DN: Well, you sure don't look like Polly Bergen anymore.

KC: But that look served its purpose. In the beginning, it seemed important to reassure people through a so-called normal appearance so I did cultivate a high school teacher look. (Besides, I had all these perfectly good polyester outfits!) At that time, a woman saying she was a lesbian seemed the most radical thing. Now, for me anyway, the radical thing is how I see the world because I am a lesbian.

The purple hair just merges appearance and reality.

To celebrate the release of her second album, Making Waves, Kate will be at Sleeper Hall, Boston University, September 29 at 8:00 pm. Don't miss her.

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Scondras "orchestrated the human rights ordinance in the city of Boston, taking in the black, Hispanic, gay, lesbian and other special interest groups — an incredible feat, if you think about it. It was a campaign promise that he kept."

"You're a very wonderful group," Scondras said, "a powerful group, an important force, and the award really belongs to all the people in this room, all the people who worked so incredibly hard to get the human rights ordinance."

David Gearhart introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Midge Costanza, a former special assistant to President Jimmy Carter and a new board member of the national Human Rights Campaign Fund, and presented her with a proclamation and an award. The former, from Mayor Flynn, 3 declared September 13, 1984 as "Midge Costanza Day in the City of Boston" in honor of her role "in promoting true democracy in America." The latter, from the committee, offered its own proclamation, referring to Costanza's much-heralded invitation of lesbian and gay leaders to the White House in 1977: "You achieved historic access to the President of the United States. You opened the doors of the nation's highest office to the lesbian and gay community."

"You cannot separate, human dignity from human rights," Costanza declared in an emotional speech. "It is a relation that can

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ed by Cox's ruling and the next step for him and his staff is to determine with what charges they will proceed in the case against Howard's attackers. Goodwin said, "...We're taking a look at the whole case to see what we believe the facts justify in the case." He expected to have a decision on the charges by the week's end, September 21.

Goodwin told GCN that insofar as terms of incarceration would be affected, charges of murder or manslaughter-both could result in maximum terms under the juvenile code. But, cautioned Goodwin, "I don't say it doesn't matter what you call it. It's something I and others are looking at very seriously." In the event of a conviction, the youths will be released on their 21st birthdays.

Judge Cox also ordered that the custody arrangement currently in effect for Baines, Mabry and Ness be continued. They are confined to their homes, except when accompanied by their parents.

But, a local gay man told GCN that the teenagers are rumored to have violated the terms of their releases. Richard Steinman, a faculty member at the University of Maine/Orono and a member of the Bangor Area Gay, Lesbian, Straight Coalition, said he was "outraged" that Judge Cox would continue the custody arrangement in the face of testimony offered at the hearing by a Bangor police officer that one of the youths was involved in. an altercation at a dance, was not in the company of his parent(s), and appeared to be intoxicated.

"The judge ignored that violaton ... I think that's a trivialization of the seriousness of this [case]. It shows that the judge is hell-bent on keeping those kids at home and keeping himself in the most favorable light with the rednecks of the community," said Steinman.

Attorneys on both sides of the case were scheduled to file pretrial motions on or before September 21.

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Dinner organizers said 75 percent of the money raised would go to the national Human Rights Campaign Fund, a political action committee (PAC) that contributes

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CALENDAR

September 22 September 30

22 saturday

Cambridge — Angry Arts Films will present: Perfumed Nightmare, from Filipino director Kidlat Tahimik. Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St., Central Square. Donation: \$2.75. Info: Amelie, 524-2915.

Boston — ''Gal,'' comedy-rock-music-theater-satire. 8PM, \$6 donation, refreshments. Watermelon Studios, 731 Harrison Ave. Info: 524-0971.

Boston — Frontrunners are sponsoring 5th Annual Esplanade Run. 2 mile or 5 mile runs along the Charles River. 9AM. Info: 288-4626.

Boston — Health Awareness Day, Workshops on AIDS, Hepatitis B and STDs, alcohol and other drugs, lesbian health issues, and artificial insemination. Panel on HTLV-3 Screening: "What Does it Mean For Our Community?" Boston High School, corner of Melrose & Arlington, Bay Village. Free 9:30AM-1PM.

Boston - Greater Boston Gay Men's Association will meet this evening at 8PM at St. John the Evangelist, 33 Bowdoin St., Beacon Hill. Topic: "The New Gay Intimacy, What is it?'' Initials A-L bring drinks, M-Z snacks. All are welcome, donation requested.

Northampton, MA — Havurat Yisrael open forum and potluck Shabbat brunch. Topic: "Building a Jewish gay and lesbian community in the Pioneer Valley." 11AM-1PM, Annabelle's space, Thorne's Market, 150 Main St. Wheelchair accessible, Vegetarian-Kosher please and list ingre-

Dorchester - Gay and Lesbian Alliance Yard Sale, Victorian Junk etc. (faindate: 23rd) Lyndhurst St.

Roxbury — New Rise of the Master Race by the Little Flags Theater, Palace Road Auditorium, Mass. College of Art. 8PM, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Oct. 13. Info: 232-2666.

23 sunday

Boston - Toshi Reagon and the Agitones, dynamic rock/wave music at Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. Admission is \$4.50; sign language interpreted. Info: 423-7730.

Boston — Vote No To War—Build Peace and 27 thursday Justice in '84: rally. Assemble at Waterfront | Cambridge — Inspirational stories of women Park, Blackstone Park and Copley Sq., (Gay and Lesbian and Women's contingents) at noon and march to the Boston Common by 2PM. Info: 354-0008, Mobilization For Sur-

Cambridge — Quaker Meeting to honor Barbara Deming, lesbian nonviolent activist and writer. Born, 1917; Died, August 2, 1984. At Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, 1:15-2:15PM. Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.

Cambridge — Perfumed Nightmare. (See 22 saturday listing for details.)

Boston— Amazon and Adonis II Powerlifting Meeet. Cameras welcome. The meet begins promptly at noon at South End Gym. 1355-A Washington St., #108. Admission \$2. Info: 451-3514.

24 monday

Waltham- The Waltham Battered Women Support Committee. Those interested in becoming volunteers with the organization must attend an introductory meeting for volunteer training program (to be held 9/29 to 10/11). Info; 899-8676.

Cambridge — Civil disobedience blockade of Draper Weapons Lab in coordination with other nationally organized protests. Call 623-7618 about training, information, and to help organize. Coalition For Civil Disobe-

Boston - Bisexual Women's Network meeting at 7PM, upstairs at Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. Topic: "Bisexuality and Feminism." All women are welcome. For more info on the B.B.W.N., please write to P.O. Box 1534, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Boston - Women's Health Series at Fenway Community Health Center. Tonight's topic: "The PMS Dilemma." 7-9PM at Morville House Library, 100 Norway St. Free and open to all. The series will also include Health issues Affecting Older Women, Oct. 29 and Cancer and Women, Nov. 26. Info: 267-7573.

Boston — Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance quarterly meeting, featuring "Questions and Answers with Ann Maguire, Mayor Flynn's Liaison to the Lesbian & Gay community,'' and election of Steering Committee vacancies including Vice-Chairperson position. 7:30PM at Cabot Auditorium, 3 Joy St., Beacon Hill.



Allston — Bruce Dale's Up On The Roof in a staged reading by the Temperamental Ensemble at the Theater Company, 40 Brighton Ave. 8PM, Admission \$2. Info: 782-2029 or 876-3765.

25 tuesday

from the Holocaust told by Jennifer Justice. 8PM at the Rising Phoenix, 244 Columbia Ave. Tickets, \$5. Reservations: 776-4514.

Cambridge — The Women's School fall term registration, 6-8PM. Also on 28th and 29th. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Central Square. Info: 354-8807.

Cambridge — Rosh Hashana Second Night Service will be held at 7:30PM at the Whitaker Health Care Building (MIT) at Carleton St. Wheelchair accessible. Info, directions, and/or childcare: 782-8894.

Boston — Gay Community News always needs help on production night when articles are proofread and pasted up. If you've done proofreading or layout and would like to volunteer, stop by 167 Tremont St. 5th Floor (5-8pm for proofing, 7:30-11pm for layout). Come help out GCN and read tomorrow's news today.

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28 friday

tion of paintings and drawings by Debra May the Cyclorama, 539 Tremont St, in Boston's and Donald Saaf, 7 to 10PM. Monday South End. Creative attire requested. through Saturday, 11AM to 6PM through Tickets \$10, available at Buddies, October 9. 35 Kingston St. near Downtown Greystone's, AAC, Forex Travel and Box Of-Crossing. Info: 574-9200.

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Sojourneys with Black Women." A program 8:45-9:30PM, dancing 9:30PM - 12:15AM. series opening 7PM Mass. College of Art, \$5 admission includes refreshments, BYOB. 621 Huntington Ave. with "Remembering Info: (leave message) 277-1139. One's Kin," by Karen Fields, co-author of Lemon Swamp and Other Places and "Black Cambridge Libana, a Women's Chorus, Saturday, the 29th, 10AM - 1PM. The gational, 11 Garden St. Donation \$5 presentors will be joined by Angela Bowen, Everyone is welcome! Info: 864-6912 writer. Info: 277-1330.

Boston — Life Drawing, 7-10PM, Brushfire Graphics, 636 Beacon St. Kenmore Sq. Cost is \$7. Reservations: 424-1450.

Boston — Book-signing party with Armistead Maupin, author of Baby Cakes and Tales of the City. 5-7PM at Glad Day Books, 43 Winter St., Downtown Crossing. Info: 542-0144.

Cambridge — Tashlich ceremony (river ritual) for Jewish women and friends to welcome the new year. 7PM at the Weaks Footbridge, continuing at 8PM at the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. Info: **3**54-8807.

Cambridge — Inspirational stories of women Salem — North Shore Gay and Lesbian from the Holocaust, told by Jenniter Justice. over 60 / 6-14, under 6 need not pay. All Alliance: Candidates Night. 7:30PM at the Rising Phoenix, 244 Columbia tickets \$1 more at the door. Info: (413) Salem State College Library Info:745-3848. Ave. Tickets, \$5. Reservations: 776-4514. 584-2637.



29 saturday

Boston — The Dynasty Ball, benefitting the Boston - Opening reception for an exhibi- AIDS Action Committee in Boston, 8PM at fice Video. Info: 536-7733.

Boston — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!!! Come Boston — Rainbow University, community

GCN intercom located outside the front door. on life in Haiti. Two showings, 7PM and 9PM. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St. \$3 Info: 424-1176, All Peoples Congress.

> **Boston** — Feminist comedienne Kate Clinton with local feminist guerilla theatre group "The Girlillas"; 8PM at Sleeper Hall, 871 Comm. Ave. (BU campus). Wheelchair accessible and interpreted for the deaf. Tickets are \$6.50. Info: 547-1378.

> West Unity, N.H. — The Foxes Den presents A Gay Dance at Palmer's Barn. 7PM-1AM, D.J., open entertainment, B.Y.O.B. Donation \$3. Info: (603) 826-4047.

Brookline — Swing/Ballroom Dance for lesbians and gay men. Church of Our Savior parish hall, 25 Monmouth St., (St. Mary's stop on "C" Green line): Instruction

Feminism: A Movement of Our Own," by will sponsor a benefit contra dance from Barbara Smith. A workshop follows on 7:30-11:30PM at the First Church Congre-

> Cambridge — Amethyst Women's Dance, a drug- and alcohol-free event for all women. \$4 more or less. Childcare available. Wheelchair accessible. 9PM-1AM. Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. Central Sq.

> Cambridge — Mime and Magic by Jim Vetter. 8PM at the Blacksmith House, 56 Brattle St., Harvard Sq., \$4. Info: 547-6789.

> Cambridge — Open air festival to celebrate Haymarket People's Fund 10th anniversary. From noon till 5PM with speakers, music and voter registration. Info: 426-1909.

30 sunday

Northampton — Sweet Honey in the Rock at 3PM, John M. Greene Hall, Smith College. Tickets: \$7 general, \$9 contributing, \$5

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